



August 22, 2024

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Reading and Beyond, I write to express support for the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable. Our mission is to empower children and families to achieve productive self-sufficient lives. Although children are the focus of our attention, we cannot ignore the parents and the community if we want the children to succeed.

We at Reading and Beyond are impressed with Comcast's dedication to improve community life. We seek to prepare youths in our community for a brighter future through tutoring and college preparation and job training for parents. While Comcast is a large company, it still cares about the community and shows it through their many community-based programs. Through its actions, Comcast has shown that the company understands the importance of investing in our youth's future.

Reading and Beyond has worked with Comcast to help implement their Internet Essentials (IE) program since its inception. When we heard about this program we signed up to help because we saw the value for the families we serve. In just three years, the IE program has connected 9,250 Fresno families and over 35,000 California families to affordable home broadband - most of them for the very first time. These are families that otherwise would not have been able to afford the regular price of Internet access that other companies charge. Under the IE program, the "price is right," and the enrollment process is straightforward.

We know that to be able to access the Internet at home is more than a luxury for families - it has now become a necessity in their lives. Many of the families we serve are now able to do important tasks such as monitoring their children's academic progress and searching for jobs, all because they are able to afford Internet access under Comcast's IE program.

Reading and Beyond supports programs such as Comcast's IE because we see their value and impact on our high need communities. We believe that the expansion of Comcast into Time Warner Cable areas will extend similar benefits to other communities. Thank you for taking our perspective into consideration.

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